

## 6.21 TAXICAB LICENSING PUBLIC VEHICLE LICENSING

### (1) DEFINITIONS

- (a) "Applicant" means the individual applying for a license under this section or any person who is an officer of a corporation that is applying for a license under this section.
- (b) "Public Vehicle" means any vehicle held for public hire by charging a monetary fee on a per ride, time, or distance basis to carry passengers to designations without following any fixed routes. A public vehicle shall include, but is not limited to: taxicabs, limousines, horse and horse drawn carriages, pedicabs, shuttles, bar and party busses, motorcycles used for tours, and human service vehicles, but does not include any of the following:
1. Vehicles operated primarily as funeral cars,
  2. Vehicles operated by city, state or federal governments,
  3. Vehicles operated primarily as ambulances,
  4. Vehicles operated primarily for transporting property,
  5. Commercial motor vehicles.
- ~~(b) "Taxicab" means a vehicle held for public hire by charging a monetary fee on a per ride, time, or distance basis to carry passengers to designations without following any fixed routes, but does not include any of the following:~~
- ~~1. Vehicles operated primarily as funeral cars.~~
  - ~~2. Vehicles operated by city, state or federal governments.~~
  - ~~3. Vehicles operated primarily as ambulances.~~
  - ~~4. Vehicles operated primarily for transporting property.~~
  - ~~5. Commercial motor vehicles~~
- (c) ~~"Taxicab~~ Public Vehicle Business" means any enterprise that owns a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle or manages the operation of a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle.
- (d) "Public Vehicle Operator" means any person who operates a vehicle or vehicles which transport passengers for hire or compensation, except vehicles operated solely as those exempted under Section 6.21(b), Green Bay Municipal Code.

### (2) LICENSES REQUIRED

- (a) Business License. No person may engage in a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business unless each ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle used in the business is licensed. A ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business license shall expire on ~~July 4~~ December 31 of each year.
- (b) OPERATOR'S LICENSE. No person may operate a vehicle for ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle purposes upon a highway unless the person is licensed as a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle operator. A ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle operator's license shall expire on ~~July 4~~ May 31 of each year.

### (3) BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS

- (a) Application. A person wishing to obtain a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business license shall apply to the city clerk upon an approved form and pay to the clerk ~~the proper~~ a \$25.00 license fee for each ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle managed by the person. The clerk shall forward the application to the police department for review. ~~If the police department approves the application, the clerk shall place the application upon the next available Protection & Welfare Committee meeting for consideration.~~ The police department shall deny the application if any of the following applies:

1. The circumstances of a pending criminal charge against the applicant substantially relate to the licensed activity,
  2. The applicant has been convicted of any felony, misdemeanor or other offense, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the circumstances of the particular job or licensed activity,
  3. The applicant made a false statement on the application,
  4. The applicant is under eighteen (18) years old.
- (b) Appeal. If the police department denies an application for a business license, the applicant may appeal within fifteen (15) days after the clerk police department mails a notice of denial to the applicant. If the applicant files a timely appeal with the clerk, the clerk shall schedule an appeal hearing before the Protection & Welfare Committee.
- (c) Hearing Before Committee. The Committee may approve any application placed on its agenda only if the applicant is qualified under this section and may place conditions upon approval. The common council shall affirm, reverse or modify the committee decision.
- (d) Issuance. The clerk shall issue the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business license if the applicant has been approved by the common council and has satisfied all other provisions of this section.
- (e) Vehicle Inspection. Before a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business may operate a ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle on a highway, the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle shall obtain a license sticker from the police department by passing an inspection. The police department shall collect \$25 for each motor vehicle inspection, ~~and \$10 for inspecting any other vehicle.~~ This paragraph does not apply to a vehicle owned or operated by:
1. A nonprofit corporation that provides to the police department proof that the vehicle passed a state vehicle inspection,
  2. An organization which is exempt from federal income tax under IRC § 501(c)(3) that provides to the police department proof that the vehicle passed a state vehicle inspection.
- (f) Insurance. Every public vehicle shall be covered by liability insurance coverage containing limits of liability of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence combined single limit bodily injury and property damage, issued by a company authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin. A certificate of insurance coverage specific to each vehicle shall be filed with the Risk Management Division.
- (g) Police Department Review. The police department shall affix a license sticker to the rear of each inspected vehicle if the department determines that the vehicle is:
1. Licensed with the city clerk,
  2. In a safe operating condition,
  3. Registered pursuant to Wis. Stat. Ch. 341,
  4. Insured as required by ~~Wis. Stat. § 344.15(1)~~ this subchapter,
  5. Conspicuously displaying on the exterior driver and passenger side of the vehicle:
    - a. The name or trade name of the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business,
    - b. The phone number of the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business,
    - c. A unique number assigned by the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle business that identifies the particular vehicle.
    - ~~d. All rates or fees charged to passengers~~
  6. Conspicuously displaying within the front passenger compartment:
    - a. A display holder within which ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle operators can show their licenses while operating the ~~taxicab~~ public vehicle,

b. All rates or fees charged to passengers.